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## House of Representatives

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. COLLINS].

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
February 10, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable MAC COLLINS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

As we meditate on all the words we could say about Your graces, O God, and the expressions that we use to describe our relationship to You, we would speak of mercy and justice, of charity and forgiveness, of reconciliation and peace in our hearts. On this day we speak those words that are above all else, those words that make us truly human and mark us as created in Your image, the words of thanksgiving and gratitude. When we ponder our lot in life and when we reflect on Your goodness to us, we express joy and praise for Your mercy to us and for Your steadfast love to all people. With gratefulness and thanksgiving, we offer this prayer to You, gracious God, for Your presence and Your power is ever with us.

This is our earnest prayer. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Guam [Mr. UNDERWOOD] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. UNDERWOOD led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sundry messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Mrs. Sara Emery, one of his secretaries.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair notes that on May 15, 1986, Mrs. Sara Currence Emery was the first woman to appear in this Chamber as the secretary of the President of the United States to deliver a message to the House of Representatives. Today she is delivering her last message. Mrs. Emery is retiring as deputy executive clerk of the White House after serving six administrations over the past 28 years. She has the congratulations and best wishes of the House.

### RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
February 4, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I hereby resign my appointment to the House Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Sincerely,

DUNCAN HUNTER,  
*Member of Congress.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

### COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means:

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, February 5, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,  
*Speaker, House of Representatives, the Capitol, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I am forwarding to you the Committee's recommendations for certain designations required by law for the 105th Congress.

First, pursuant to Section 8002 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the Committee designated the following members to serve on the Joint Committee on Taxation for the 105th Congress: Mr. Archer, Mr. Crane, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Rangel, and Mr. Stark.

Second, pursuant to Section 161 of the Trade Act of 1974, the Committee recommended the following members to serve as official advisors for international conference meetings and negotiating sessions on trade agreements: Mr. Archer, Mr. Crane, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Rangel, and Mr. Matsui.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

BILL ARCHER,  
*Chairman.*

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, and pursuant to the provisions of section 161(a) of the Trade Act

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